Forms of Violence

Football game or
political debate?

Choose former but
switch during lank
periods or unending

commercials. Players
on the field move with
smashing precision,

mouthing off after some
tawdry athletic trick
or other. Those fixed

mouth off continuously
as to feebleness of

opponent present,
and president not,

while casting raw
moral strength.

We like all this,
the violence.

Why the multiplex runs
the detonating thriller
on many screens,

the achingly sensitive
coming of age in rural
wherever, hardly one.